GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3540
ANSWERED ON:25.08.2006
ELECTORAL ROLLS
Chakrabortty Shri Swadesh

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the names of a large number of legitimate voters were struck-off from the voters` lists and thus deprived them of casting their votes in Assembly elections in various States; and

(b) If so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)

(a) and (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) and (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3540 for reply on 25th August, 2006.

The Election Commission has intimated that it is not a fact that the names of a large number of legitimate voters were removed from voters` lists and thus deprived of casting votes in Assembly elections in various States. However, some complaints about irregularities in the electoral rolls were received by the Election Commission and some were made before it. These complaints were investigated through Observers and other administrative machinery entrusted with the work of revision of electoral rolls and appropriate action was taken to rectify the rolls, wherever required.